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Response to Office Action Dated 12/16/2004

**REMARKS**

**Preliminary Remarks:**

The Applicant has amended the claims to put the application into condition for allowance.

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**Independent Claim 1**

Claim 3 was objected to as depending from a rejected base claim. Accordingly, Claim 1 has been amended to recite the limitations of Claim 3. Therefore, Claims 1 and 4—10 are in condition for allowance. Claim 2 was  
10 previously cancelled, and claim 3 is currently cancelled.

**Independent Claim 11**

Claims 11—13 and 27—30 (which depend directly or indirectly from claim 11) were found to be allowable.

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**Independent Claim 14**

Claims 14—17 were previously cancelled.

**Independent Claim 18**

20 Claims 18—22 were found to be allowable.

**Independent Claim 23**

Claim 26 was objected to as depending from a rejected base claim. Accordingly, Claim 23 has been amended to recite the limitations of Claims 1  
25 and 26. Therefore, Claims 23—25 are in condition for allowance.

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**Conclusion**

The Applicant submits that all of the claims are in condition for allowance and respectfully requests that a Notice of Allowability be issued. If the Office's next anticipated action is not the issuance of a Notice of Allowability, the Applicant respectfully requests that the undersigned attorney be contacted for the purpose of scheduling an interview.

Respectfully Submitted,

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